PATENT

Docket No.: 076476-0011

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Hiroshi IWAMOTO, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING DISSIMILAR MATERIAL

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 24, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows.